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SUBJECT:	ETHIOPIAN LABOR	ORGANIZATION CALLS FOR GENERAL STRIKE
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THE CONFEDERATION OF ETHIROPIAN LABOR UNIONS HAS CALLED A GENERAL STRIKE TO LAST UNTIL THE RULING MILITARY COMMITTEE RELEASES THE THREE TOP CONFEDERATION OFFICIALS ARRESTED YESTERDAY. ARRESTS MARKED A BREAKDOWN OF TALKS BETWEEN CONFEDERARGTION OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RULING COMMITTEE, WHICH HAD BEEN GOING ON FOR SEVERBAL DAYS.

THE MILITARY IS UNUILLING TO ACCEDE THE CONFEDERATION'S DEMAND BITHAT, GOVERNMENT SHARE POWER IMMEDIATELY WITH LABOR AND OTHER CIVIELIAN ELEMENTS. LABOR IS ALSO ANGRY BECAUSE THE MILITARY'S DISMISSAL OF PARLIAMENT CANCELS OUT THE PROGRESS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE ON/NEW LABOR LAW--THE PROMISE OF WHICH HAD BEEN WRESTED FROM DATE: ORIG: UNIT:

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